



# LARC



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## New President's Message

As President Elect of the AARA for year 2011-2012, I would like to thank everyone for considering me for this office. I have been approached for the last several years in taking this task but I felt that I could not give my best effort in being president and newsletter editor at the same time. I had made a statement that if someone would take over the job as newsletter editor, I would run. Well, Galen Wilson KF5BET stepped in as LARC Editor so in order to keep my word, I have ended up as president, although I do not officially take office until the Saturday, March 19th General Meeting, which is our "annual banquet" after the AARA Hamfest.

I am not a politician, nor a very good speaker, but I will try to do my best in keeping our club active by finding some ham radio projects that will appeal to our membership. I know at the present time, we have some unfinished topics pending which hopefully can be agreed upon by a majority of the club in the near future. *(Continued on page 2)*

## New 2011-2012 AARA Club Officers

At the February General Meeting, elections were held for club officers. This is the new slate for 2011-2012.

Our new officers will officially be installed at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting after the AARA Hamfest in Rayne.

Title:	Name:	Call:
President	Herman Campbell	KN5GRK
Vice President	Archie Hill, Jr.	W5AG
Secretary	Sandy Leblanc	KE5KJF
Treasurer	Joy Breaux	N5YCS
Board Member	Irma Bookter	KE5UPK
Board Member	Nick Romero	KE5MWX
Board Member	Glen Thibodeaux	KF5FNP
Youth Member	Abigail Wilson	KF5BEW

## ATTENTION - MARCH AARA MEETING

The AARA General Meeting in March will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.

This meeting will be a club banquet requiring attendees to bring a covered dish of some kind. This will be more or less a fun event, very little business taking place other than a hamfest report, installation of new officers and the drawing for the handi-talki giveaway to the lucky member who attended meeting during the year (each attendance gave you a chance)..

**NO VE TEST SESSION.**

## Outgoing President's Message

It has been an honor, privilege, and pleasure to have been chosen to serve as your president. It has been a new experience for me, one that found rewarding. I have learned a lot this past year, but still have lots more to learn. I have enjoyed the meetings and all of the activities. You are a special group of people that is a joy to work with. I'm sure that Herman KN5GRK will do a great job.

I have often relied on John W4JHC and other hams direction and I want to thank all of them. I have only been a ham for two and one half years and didn't know anything about ham radio until I met Jim N5NVP. I've learned a lot from him. Jim is a very dedicated ham.

I want to thank John W4JHC for bringing up the idea of having different talks and demonstrations after the meetings. They have been beneficial to many hams. I hope they continue. It always amazes me about all the knowledge each person has acquired about the subject they speak on.

I have recently had back surgery, but hopefully will be able to make the future meeting.

Irma Bookter  
KE5UPK  
AARA Club President



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
NO VE TESTING THIS MONTH  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
Scott, LA

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

AARA Hamfest, Rayne, LA  
March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

### Local 2-Meter Nets

#### Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Friday

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### AARA OFFICERS 2010-2011

**President - Irma Bookter KE5UPK**  
[ilafle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ilafle@bellsouth.net)

**Vice President - Archie Hill W5AG**

**Secretary - Paul Scallan, SR K5VSH**

**Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS**

#### BOARD MEMBERS

**John Cunniff - W4JHC**

**Calvin Begnaud - KD5JCT**

**Nick Romero - KE5MWX**

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

**Herman Campbell - KN5GRK**

#### QSL MANAGER

**Roland Guidry - NA5Q**

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**Galen Wilson - KF5BET**

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American Red Cross Building  
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

### President's Message (continued)

I am still involved in assisting Galen with the LARC when needed. I will also continue to serve as the club PIO and still do my e-mail reflector. About a year ago, I was appointed by the LA ARRL Section Manager, Gary Stratton K5GLS, to send out a letter of congratulations along with a membership application to the ARRL, to all newly licensed amateur radio operators in the State of Louisiana, and with Nick K5QXJ getting involved with new ham classes at the Children's Museum of Acadiana and Paul Breaux Middle School, this might end up taking a lot of my time. Maybe someone else would like to take on this job.

I would also like to thank Archie Hill W5AG for offering to back me up by running again as Vice President if I took the President position. Archie has served well as VP for last year and has rounded up some really nice guest speakers with very informative programs. I think Fred Marshall W5MLE will present a program on "Grounding Your Station Properly", which is something of interest to everyone at our March banquet meeting.

As your new AARA President, I would like to hear from you on any ideas you may have to enhance our activities or if you see any problems or have any questions, I would like to know. I was talking to Charlie Morrison KI5XP about being a little "scared" on my new job and he told me, "all you have to do is act as "traffic controller" point a finger and delegate", so look out, you may end up in the "traffic". Let's all pitch in and do a little something and make this club "COOK"!..... It is Your Club.

73

Herman Campbell  
KN5GRK  
AARA President Elect

### VP's Notes

The hamfest March 12 will have a number of forums with learning opportunities for attendees. These are described on the W5DDL.ORG website. Our March 19 meeting will include a after-hamfest dinner and will feature installation of the new officers and will include a talk by Fred Marshal W5MLE on the topic of "Proper Grounding."

At the recent BEARS ARES meeting in Morgan City held on 1/22/11 I learned from Jim Coleman AI5B, ARRL Region 9 District Emergency Coordinator, about some free FEMA courses that may be initiated on-line. The website to download the courses

is <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp>. Jim recommended the following courses:

ICS-100.b - Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100

ICS-200.b - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700.a - National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction

IS-800.a - National Response Framework, An Introduction

These courses are limited to U.S. residents with deliverable postal addresses (including APO and FPO addresses). Official enrollment will include scoring of the final exams, issuance of certificates, and maintenance of student records. These courses also include 0.3 CEUs and even 1 college credit hour per course (may require combining courses to get college credit). I think I even saw a course related to ethics (required for professional engineers continuing education). I have not yet tried one of these courses yet. I hope to give further information in a future column.

## February 2011 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

### CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Irma, KE5UPK.
- The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman, KN5GRK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 26 members and 5 guests in attendance.

### Minutes:

The January Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the February LARC Newsletter.

### Financial Report:

The Financial Report was read by Joy, N5YCS. Copies of the February treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breaux, N5YCS, at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

### Old Business:

There was no old business.

### New Business:

Weston, KB5WI stated that he needs two people to help out with Bingo at the Ham Fest. John, W4JHC volunteered his daughter for one. Another volunteer will be required.

Irma, KE5UPK stated that the next meeting will be on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> and that this meeting will be a banquet meeting, i.e. the club will furnish drinks and the main entrée and the members are to bring a covered dish.

There were no new nominations for club officers other than those given by the nominating committee at the last meeting. Irma, KE5UPK asked the membership to vote on each nominee separately. All were confirmed by those in attendance. The new officers will be:

**President:** Herman, KN5GRK

**Vice President:** Archie, W5AG

**Secretary:** Sandy, KE5KJF

**Treasurer:** Joy, N5YCS

Archie, W5AG led a club discussion on what to do about the 30' mobile command center trailer that was listed on E-Bay earlier for \$7,500 and located in Alabama, in lieu of the clubs past decision to upgrade AMOS. There was much discussion on the subject matter. Major items discussed were:

1. Where would we store the trailer
2. Who would pull it
3. What would be the insurance ramifications.
4. Do we need both AMOS and the trailer.
5. How much would we be using one or both.
6. What is the pull weight and tongue weight of the trailer
7. What kind of brakes are on the trailer.

The club voted to table this discussion until the April club meeting.

### Door Prizes:

1. Galen, KF5BET: Hand Lotion
2. Jim, KD5IGG: CD case and WIN 95 Book.
3. Mark, KF5ENE: Manicure Set and clock radio.
4. Mitchell, KB5TWL: Hints and Kinks book and world map.

### Guest Speaker:

Dave redfearn, N4ELM, gave a very informative presentation on QRP operation. Thanks Dave!

Respectfully Submitted

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH  
Lame Duck Secretary, AARA



### Paul Breaux Middle School Amateur Radio Demo

On Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 10:15 AM, Nick K5QXJ and students of Paul Breaux Middle School did a demonstration on amateur radio to a group of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Nick had made arrangements with some of his AMSAT guys to meet us on the 147.040 EchoLink repeater and talk to the students. Herman KN5GRK had linked up 2 AMSAT operators who talked to the kids and answered some of their questions and personal likes, such as favorite sports, colors, foods and WX information at their QTH.

The demo went very well and we would like to thank Bruce - WA3SWJ of Potomac, MD and Dave - KB1PVW of Sutton, MA and Abigail - KF5BEW and Kendra - KF5FYS, daughters of Galen Wilson KF5BET, here in Lafayette for also helping out with answering some questions with students of their age groups. Overall, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks up (Spring Forward) one hour on:

**SUNDAY—MARCH 13**

Check out the ARRL Louisiana Section Web Page at:  
<http://www.laarrrl.org>





## The 51<sup>st</sup> Acadiana Hamfest 2011 March 11 & 12, 2011

Coming soon - Mark your calendars!



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will sponsor its 51<sup>st</sup> Acadiana Hamfest at the Rayne Civic Center on March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. A Crawfish Boil and Fais-Do-Do will be held on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, due to the tremendous success of this event in previous years. Get your order in by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Gumbo will be served for those folks not wanting crawfish. Roland Guidry NA5Q is again our Hamfest Chairperson & Webmaster. A flyer with a pre-registration form and schedule can be downloaded to be printed out & mailed in to save time and guarantee swap tables and RV availability. You can check out our website for more info and updates at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Come out and have a "eyeball contact" with those you meet on the radio. It is your attendance that makes a hamfest a success. We appreciate your support over the 50 years it has been in existence.

### Schedule

#### Friday, March 11

0900 Dealer & Flea Market setup  
1700 – 2000 Hamfest Opens to General Public  
1800 Crawfish Boil - Gumbo  
1900 Fais-Do-Do – Roland K5EUO and others will provide French music via Jam session – Bring your instrument – Enjoy Dancing

#### Saturday, March 12 (Forums)

0900-1000 AMSAT  
1000-1100 Louisiana Contest Club  
1100-1230 ARRL with Micky Cox, Delta Division Director and Gary Stratton, Louisiana Section Manager  
1230-1300 Louisiana LCARC immediately following ARRL Forum

#### Saturday, March 12

0700 Dealer & Flea Market setup  
0800 Hamfest re-opens to General Public  
0830 Bingo  
0830 DXCC, WAS and VUCC Card checking  
0845 ARRL VE Testing – Bring copies of ID & CSCE / FCC License  
1100 Fox Hunt if enough participants  
1300 Grand prize drawings  
1400 Hamfest closes

## March 2011 Special Events & Contests

- Mar 3-5** W9SSB Centralia IL 145.520, 14.250, 14.050, 7.200 80th anniversary of the adoption of the *Star-Spangled Banner*
- Mar 11-12** W8NVY Muskegon, MI 14.260, 7.245, 147.420 simplex, echo-link node# 349350 American Red Cross Special Events Station
- Mar 12** NI6IW USS Midway Radio Operations Room SSB14.320, 7.250, PSK31 14.070, D-Star 012C Navy Seabees birthday, Girl Scouts of America founded 1912, Centennial of Naval Aviation
- Mar 27** K5B Mesilla Valley Radio Club, Las Cruces, NM 21.337, 14.330, 7.225, 3.893 Bataan Memorial Death March



Refer to the March issue of QST (page 97) for additional information and more listings of contests and special events Stations.



### 2011 BIRTHDAYS

3/3	ED	KC5MMG
3/13	GRANT	KF5CNU
3/15	JOHN	KE5EEO
3/15	LOUIS	KF5EID
3/19	TERRY	N5QWA
3/27	MAUREENA	KB5SMX
4/1	MARK	KF5ENE

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs, friends or simply by themselves to operate.

Field Day 2011 will be held June 25-26, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday.



## February 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	-	-	-	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	55	Ø	115	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	-	Ø	-	N5LRZ Ray
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 5	Ø	18	KE5KJD Larry



May you be in Heaven a full half hour before the Devil knows you're dead!  
Irish Blessing



### CrawSat III – Launch Successful, Photos and Video

by Rizwan Merchant on Feb.10, 2011, under CrawSat III  
Greetings All,

Well the end has finally come for CrawSat III. On Saturday, February 5th, 2011 the CrawSat III High Altitude Weather Balloon Project was successfully launched out of Lake Charles, Louisiana around 12:20 PM, and landed in the Homochitto National Forest in the state of Mississippi nearly three hours later, where it was found stuck in a tree. Through help from a local citizen of the area, the Recovery Teams were able to successfully retrieve the package with very little damage.

We would just like to take this moment to thank the following people for their help in making this happen:

CrawSat III development team:

Casey Boudreaux, Ethan Olivier, Rizwan Merchant, Dustin Muse, Chase Savoy, Louis Courville

Launch Team: Chase Savoy, Casey Boudreaux, Ethan Olivier, Matthew Dupuis

Ground Station Team: Rizwan Merchant, Nick Pugh, Trey Oliver

Recovery Team 1: Jeremy Guillory, Alex Wehmann, Eric Rohner

Recovery Team 2: Lorenzo Evans, Matthew Triche

Recovery Team 3: Patrick Dellinger, Adam Hebert, Ricky Schexnayder

The locals of Mississippi for helping recover the package

Plane Team: Dustin Muse, Louis Courville

Pilot for Plane: Les Henderson

Photographers: Ashley Isabelle Yelveton, Beth Guillet

The Lake Charles National Weather Station and their Staff

NP Moss Middle Schools Students for making the PearlSats  
Northside High School for their payload add on to the

CrawSat III

The ULL Chemistry Department and Dr. August Gallo for their donation of Liquid Nitrogen for the Cold Test

The ULL Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Department for providing us lab space and the chance to work on this project.

and a very special thanks to Nick Pugh for many a long night of helping, mentoring, teaching us, and pushing us beyond our expectations to reach for the skies and fly.

Sincerely,

Rizwan Merchant

<http://ulcape.org/2011/02/crawsat-iii-launch-successful-photos-and-video/>



### NEW AARA MEMBERS

**NAME:** Dane DeValcourt      **CALL:** W5DLD

### CMA New Ham Classes

The new Technician Classes at the Children's Museum of Acadiana kicked off on February 10, 2011 with 27 students present. The class will be taught by a middle school teacher and holder of a Technician License, Terry Turner KF5FYW and AARA Club member Nick Pugh K5QXJ.

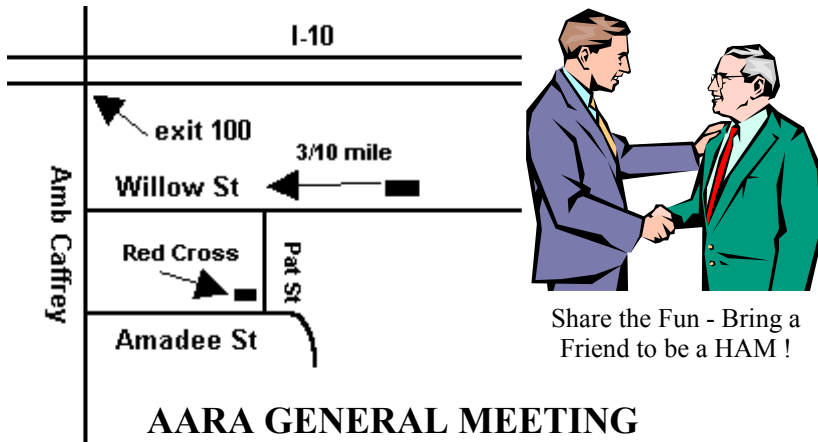


The sessions will continue over a eight week period with each session running about 1 1/2 hours in length. There will be lots of hands-on activities and those persons getting their license, will have the opportunity to purchase a hand-held radio for approximately \$35.00 will be available.

The second class took place on February 17, 2011 with some of the kids getting some hands-on training on reading resistors with a Volt-Ohm-Meter, a talk on "Water Wheel Effect" and talking on the radio.

**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 51174**  
**Lafayette, LA 70505-1174**

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



Share the Fun - Bring a  
Friend to be a HAM !

## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**NO VE Testing this month!**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE

## ***Berry Munch Bread Pudding***

From: Little Brownie Bakers (Girl Scouts)

Submitted by: Abbi and Kendra Wilson KF5BEW & KF5FYS

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 box Thank U Berry Munch     | 3 Tbsp Sugar             |
| Girl Scout Cookies            | 1 tsp vanilla            |
| 1/3 Cup cranberries (fresh or | 1 tsp grated orange peel |
| Frozen)                       | 1/4 tsp cinnamon         |
| 2 Eggs slightly beaten        | 1 Cup of milk            |

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Break cookies into 1/2" pieces
3. Grease the bottom and sides of a 1 quart casserole dish.
4. Place the Thank U Berry Munch cookie pieces in the bottom of the casserole dish.
5. Sprinkle the cranberries over the cookie pieces.
6. In a mixing bowl beat the eggs with a fork, then stir in the sugar, vanilla, orange peel, and cinnamon.
7. Stir in 1 cup milk.
8. Pour the mixture over the cookie and cranberry pieces.
9. Bake for 30 minutes, until set.

Vanilla Sauce: Prepare one box of "Cook & Serve" vanilla pudding as directed on box. Thin with 1/2 cup milk to make into a sauce.  
Serve Warm>

## **FCC Information Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

***[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)***

FCC Website:

***<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>***

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

***<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>***

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245